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SUBJECT: IREX AND DEAK CASE

1. KASSOF INFORMED DEPARTMENT FEB. 15 THAT IREX BOARD HAS APPROVED HIS SENDING FOLLOWING MESSAGE BY TELEX TO ROSTA (TEXT SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES BEFORE DISPATCH).

BEGIN TEXT.
2. DEAR DR. ROSTA. I FOUND MY MEETING IN VIENNA WITH YOU AND MR. PETER USEFUL AND HAVE SHARED THE RESULTS OF OUR DISCUSSION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE IREX BOARD. ON THE BASIS OF MY REPORT, THE BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO RE-ACTIVATE TWO IREX-SPONSORED UNDERTAKINGS WITH HUNGARY: THE SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR MAY IN VISEGRAD ORGANIZED BY THE HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WITH AMERICAN PARTICIPATION AND MADE POSSIBLE BY AN IREX GRANT AND A HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MANAGEMENT TO BE HELD IN JUNE AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY ON THE BASIS OF FULL IREX FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

IN ANTICIPATION OF CONCRETE DEVELOPMENTS ALONG LINES WE DISCUSSED IN VIENNA, THE BOARD WISHES ME TO CONVEY THAT IT
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IS READY IN PRINCIPLE TO RECEIVE DOCTORS SZECHY AND ZADOR

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AND TO SEND PROFESSORS MARK AND TRISKA. FOLLOWING SUCH
DEVELOPMENTS, THE BOARD WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO CONSIDER
THE EXCHANGE OF NOMINATING DOCUMENTS FOR THE 1974-75

PROGRAM.

SINCE THE BOARD WILL WISH ME TO KEEP THEM FULLY INFORMED,
MAY I ASK YOU TO MEET WITH ME IN VIENNA SOMETIME DURING
THE WEEK OF MARCH 11 IN ORDER THAT WE MAY CONTINUE OUR
DISCUSSIONS. SIGNED ALLEN KASSOF END TEXT.

3. DR. KASSOF SAID BOARD WAS ABSOLUTELY UNWILLING TO GO
FURTHER TOWARD FULL REINSTATEMENT OF IREX-KKI PROGRAM
THAN MESSAGE ANNOUNCES BEFORE HUNGARIANS MAKE MORE CONCRETE
RESPONSE TO KASSOF-LEDERER PROPOSALS IN VIENNA. HE
DESCRIBED BOARD AS NOT REASSURED BY VIENNA MEETING AND
THOROUGHLY SKEPTICAL OF VERBAL ASSURANCES BY ROSTA REGARD-
ING FUTURE CONDITIONS FOR SCHOLARS. ALSO SAID OTHER
BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUED TAKE MUCH HARDER POSITION THAN HE
HAD ANTICIPATED AND REFUSED TO GO AS FAR AS HE WOULD HAVE
LIKED TOWARD REINSTATING PROGRAM.

4. PROFESSORS LEDERER AND DEAK MET FEBRUARY 14 TO DISCUSS
PRESENT SITUATION. DR. KASSOF REPORTED THAT DEAK IS
DETERMINED NOT TO SUPPORT STEPS WHICH ARE MORE CONCILIA-
TORY THAN THOSE OUTLINED IN PENDING TELEX TO ROSTA, I.E.
HE WILL NOT AGREE IN ADVANCE TO TAKE PART IN VISA PRO-
POSAL MADE BY DR. KASSOF IN VIENNA IF BOARD RELAXES
CONDITIONS IT HAS SET FOR REINSTATING NOMINATION OF 1974-
75 CANDIDATES AND WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO WIN HIS COLLEAGUES
OVER TO MORE CONCILIATORY APPROACH TO GOH.

5. COMMENT. KASSOF'S PROPOSAL FOR MARCH MEETING WITH
ROSTA IN VIENNA DESIGNED TO FIND OUT WHAT "CONCRETE
DEVELOPMENTS" ROSTA ABLE TO ANNOUNCE. CONTINGENT NATURE
OF IREX BOARD' S STEPS TOWARD RECONCILIATION ANTICIPATES
THEIR QUIET PROBING OF HUNGARIANS' IDEAS TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THEY WARRANT CHANGING IREX READINESS TO RECEIVE
SZECHY AND ZADOR FROM PRINCIPLE TO FACT AND TRANSFORMING
WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER 1974-75 NOMINATIONS TO ACTUAL
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EXCHANGE OF NOMINATIONS. DR. KASSOF IS SENDING LETTER TO
AMBASSADOR IN NEXT FEW DAYS WHICH EXPLAINS REASONING
BEHIND BOARD'S MESSAGE AND REQUESTS THAT AMBASSADOR IM-
PRESS ON HUNGARIANS IMPORTANCE THEIR TAKING MINIMAL STEP
REPRESENTED BY AGREEMENT TO ISSUE VISA TO DEAK AT SOME
FUTURE TIME IN ORDER TO GET IREX-KKI EXCHANGE UNDERWAY
AGAIN. DESPITE DEPARTMENT'S AND EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS
TO IREX THAT IT MOVE SOMEWHAT FURTHER THAN STEPS INDICATED

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IN ABOVE TELEX IN INTEREST OF OUR OVERALL EXCHANGES
RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY, BOARD NOW DETERMINED THAT AGREE-
MENT OF SOME SORT BY HUNGARIANS TO ISSUE VISA TO DEAK

AT SOME FUTURE TIME IS MINIMUM BASIS FOR FURTHER STEPS TO
CONTINUE PROGRAM. EUR IS SENDING LETTER TO IREX FOR
DISTRIBUTION TO BOARD MEMBERS SETTING FORTH DEPARTMENT
VIEWS IN EFFORT TO EASE DIRECT CONDITIONAL CONNECTION
BETWEEN DEAK VISA ASSURANCE AT THIS TIME AND PROGRAM
CONTINUATION.

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